

In the Claims:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A ski binding for use with a ski or a ski board comprising:

a) a static plate capable of being attached to said ski or ski board;

b) a top plate pivotally attached to the static plate;

c) biasing means for biasing the top plate towards a predetermined position;

d) a toe holding means pivotally connected to the top plate so that a lateral force applied to the toe holding means is transferred to the top plate, having toe release means which will release when the toe holding means pivots when the top plate is moved away from the predetermined position.

4. (Currently Amended) A ski binding as described in claim 3, where the base plate is attached to the ski or ski board, in ~~the~~ a central portion of the base plate.

5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as described in claim 3,
where the biasing means comprises a first cam.

8. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as described in
claim 21, wherein the biasing means comprises a first cam.

9-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Amended) A ski binding for use with a ski or a ski board comprising:

- a) a static plate capable of being attached to said ski or ski board;
- b) a top plate pivotally attached to the static plate;
- c) biasing means for biasing the top plate towards a predetermined position;
- d) a toe holding means translatably connected to the top plate so that lateral force applied to the toe holding means is transferred to the top plate, having toe release means which will release when the toe holding means is translated.

16. (Currently Amended) A ski binding as described in claim 15, where the base plate is attached to the ski or ski board, in ~~the~~ a-central portion of the base plate.

17-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as described in claim 15, where the biasing means comprises a first cam.

20. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as described in claim 16, where the biasing means comprises a first cam.
21. (Previously Presented) A ski binding as described in claim 3, further comprising a heel holding means pivotally connected on the top plate so that a lateral force applied to the heel holding means is transferred to the top plate which will cause the heel holding means to pivot.
22. (Currently Amended) A ski binding as described in claim 21 wherein the base plate is attached to the ski or ski board in ~~the~~ a central portion of the base plate.
23. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 7, wherein said biasing means further comprises a second cam.
24. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 8, wherein said biasing means further comprises a second cam.
25. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 23

wherein said first cam comprises a first bias which cooperates with said top plate and said second cam comprises a second bias which cooperates with said top plate, said first bias being different than said second bias.

26. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 24 wherein. said first cam comprises a first bias which cooperates with said top plate and said second cam comprises a second bias which cooperates with said top plate, said first bias being different than said second bias.

27. (Previously Presented) A ski binding as claimed in claim 7 wherein said first cam comprises a cam follower, a first cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral force having a first direction is applied thereon and a second cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral force having a second direction is applied thereon.

28. (Previously Presented) A ski binding as claimed in claim 8 wherein said first cam comprises a cam follower, a first cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral

force having a first direction is applied thereon and a second cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral force having a second direction is applied thereon.

29-30. (Cancelled).

31. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 19, wherein said biasing means further comprises a second cam.

32. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 20, wherein said biasing means further comprises a second cam.

33. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 31 wherein said first cam comprises a first bias which cooperates with said top plate and said second cam comprises a second bias which cooperates with said top plate, said first bias being different than said second bias.

34. (Previously Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 32 wherein said first cam comprises a first bias which cooperates with said top plate and said second cam comprises

a second bias which cooperates with said top plate, said first bias being different than said second bias.

35. (Previously Presented) A ski binding as claimed in claim 19 wherein said first cam comprises a cam follower, a first cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral force having a first direction is applied thereon and a second cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral force having a second direction is applied thereon.

36. (Currently Amended) A ski binding as claimed in claim 20 wherein said first cam comprises a cam follower, a first cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral force having a first direction is applied thereon, and a second cam surface on which said cam follower may travel if a lateral force having a second direction is applied thereon.

37-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) A ski binding for a ski comprising:
- a) a rigid static base plate;
 - b) a top plate pivotally attached to the base plate;
 - c) toe holding means pivotally mounted to said top plate;
 - d) a heel holding means mounted on said top plate;
 - e) means to mount said base plate on said ski at or near ~~the~~ a longitudinal center of said base plate;
 - f) first pivot means located between said center and said toe holding means adapted to allow said top plate to pivot around said first pivot means.
40. (Previously Amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 39, further comprising second pivot means located between said center and said heel holding means adapted to allow said top plate to pivot around said second pivot means.
41. (Cancelled)
42. (Previously Amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 41 wherein said heel holding means are pivotally mounted to said top plate.

43. (Currently Amended) A binding for mounting a ski boot to a ski, said binding comprising:

- a) a plate over which said ski boot may be placed, said plate adapted to be statically mounted to said ski;
- b) first pivot means to pivotally attach said plate to said ski;
- c) toe holding means having a toe holding surface;
- d) second pivot means to pivotally attach said toe holding means to said plate wherein said second pivot means are located at or rearwardly from said toe holding surface.

44. (Previously Presented) A binding as claimed in claim 43, further comprising heel holding means and third pivot means to pivotally attach said heel holding means on said plate.